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SUBJECT: ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING IN SINGAPORE

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1. DURING MEETING WITH PERMSEC MFA BOGAARS
MARCH 25 HE GAVE ME SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT IMPRESSION
OF ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING FROM INFORMA-
TION REPORTED REFTEL. HE SAID OFFICIALS HAD
DISCUSSED VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES (INCLUDING POSSI-
BILITY OF UN RESOLUTION) FOR GETTING RECOGNITION
OF MAJOR POWERS FOR ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM
AND NEUTRALITY IN SEA. MALAYSIA APPEARED
ANXIOUS TO PRESS FOR SPECIFIC STEPS TO BRING ZONE
INTO BEING, BUT SOME ASEAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING
SINGAPORE REPS DID NOT SEE HOW ASEAN COULD EXPECT
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TO PERSUADE MAJOR POWERS TO ACCEPT THE ZONE.

2. BOGAARS SAID OFFICIALS WOULD MEET AGAIN IN SIX WEEKS IN BANGKOK TO WRITE A REPORT FOR THE MAY FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN JAKARTA. ALTHOUGH HE INDICATED VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES TO WIN RECOGNITION FOR ZONE WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN SINGAPORE WOULD BE MENTIONED IN THE REPORT, HE DID NOT THINK THEY WOULD BE CAST IN THE FORM OF POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS. BOGAARS SAID HE HAD POINTED OUT IN THE MEETING THAT WHAT ASEAN MEMBER COULD DO COLLECTIVELY AND BY THEMSELVES TO CONTRIBUTE TO STABILITY OF REGION WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN GETTING RECOGNITION OF MAJOR POWERS FOR THE ZONE. HE SUGGESTED THAT ASEAN GOVERNMENTS RESOLVE NOT TO COMMIT AGRESSION AGAINST EACH OTHER AND TO SETTLE THEIR BILATERAL DISPUTES PEACEFULLY. CONSEQUENTLY THE OFFICIALS DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLITY OF CONCLUDING SOME SORT OF TREATY OF AMITY AMONG THE ASEAN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD ALSO BE MENTIONED IN THE OFFICIALS' REPORT.

3. IN CONCLUSION BOGAARS SAID MOST OF THE OFFICIALS PRESENT, WHILE AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZONE, WERE STILL HIGHLY UNCERTAIN AS TO HOW TO BRING IT ABOUT. REFLECTING SINGAPORE'S TRADITIONAL ATTITUDE TOWARD ASEAN, BOGAARS SAID HE FELT COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND IMMIGRATION MATTERS IN ASEAN IS PROBABLY MORE VALUABLE THAN HIGH FLOWN BUT LESS REALIZABLE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES.
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